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over the telephone system with hearing individuals in a functionally equivalent manner. FCC is narrowly restricting functional equivalency. We deaf obviously have a long ways to go to take advantage of all the access points our counterparts have had for years and years.

The extreme action of using new rules to withhold all previously due compensation regardless of whether it is related to questionable calls or not is an abuse of authority. Who is monitoring compliance with formal rule-making process involving consumer and provider participation and scrutinizing FCC violations of due process?

Just imagine what this process will have on the incentive innovation that only the smaller competing providers have been struggling to promote.

Hopefully, FCC will be able to foresee its mischievous impact toward the long neglected deaf community and will re-address the urgent issues to also protect our civil rights.

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From: Marilee Warren [slainte11@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 3:28 PM
To: Julius Genachowski; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Mignon Clyburn; Meredith Baker
Subject: DA 10-314

Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Michael Copps, Commissioner Robert McDowell,
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker: **FILED/ACCEPTED**

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I am extremely concerned about the recent FCC ruling on February 25, 2010 (DA 10-314), as it could have negative ramifications to my many deaf friends. This is a civil rights setback toward the employment of people who are deaf, which could lead to reduced employment opportunities among the deaf in the VRS industry who serve their community.

Given this ruling, valuable companies such as Purple Communications could go out of business, and the deaf and hard of hearing community could potentially be left with a single, dominant provider without the opportunity to choose another provider that better fits their individual needs.

It is my understanding that Purple needs to repay the FCC retroactive payments based on the new ruling, which could financially devastate them as well as their many employees and other companies that rely on their business. I respectfully request that the FCC permit the release of funds owed Purple this week, allowing them to resolve any historical issues and my friends can continue using Purple – or any other VRS provider of their choosing.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Marilee Warren

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